



Tennessee Crop Weather

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FROST ON THE PUMPKIN --- CONTINUED GOOD HARVEST PROGRESS

Fall harvest progress continues to be right on target with the normal pace in spite of rainfall received late in the week. In addition to harvest activities last week, producers were actively drilling wheat, preparing tobacco for sale, mowing cotton stalks, applying lime, and marketing calves. Cattle producers have started preparing for the winter months and pastures continue to generally be in fair-to-good condition for this time of year.

There were 5 days suitable for fieldwork across the state. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 3 percent very short, 24 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Temperatures averaged about 1 to 3 degrees below normal across Tennessee last week. Rainfall averaged above normal in the Eastern Region of the state and slightly below normal across the remainder of Tennessee.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	75	58	95	68	Pastures	3	12	42	40	3
Soybeans – Harvested	67	54	94	69						
Tobacco – Burley Stripped	33	21	19	31						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	56	48	55	48						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	31	17	13	19						

County Agent Comments

“Harvests continue to progress as weather allows. Some corn acres yet remain to be harvested since growers switched from corn harvest to get beans before they all pop out. Good progress has been made with bean harvest but there are several thousand acres yet to go. Cotton harvest has progressed nicely this week as we approach maybe 50% harvested on our cotton. Wheat seeding has begun but expect most activity there this next week after receiving rains this week.”
Tim Campbell, Dyer County

“Harvest season for cotton and soybeans is well underway, corn harvest is close to an end. Farmers are beginning to drill wheat. Beef producers are preparing for the winter months and unless there is a severe winter, they should be well prepared this year.”
J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“The farmers in Fayette County received rain starting on Wednesday night until Friday morning. The main showers came on Thursday night. Activities this week included harvesting cotton and beans, mowing cotton stalks and seeding wheat.”
Jeffery D. Via, Fayette County

“Corn and soybean producers had good harvesting weather until mid-week rains shut combines down. The rain was a welcome harvesting break for producers who had recently seeded wheat acres. Producer activities this week included seeding wheat, harvesting corn, cotton and soybeans. Some fall tillage, dirt work and lime application took place as well.”
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Double crop soybeans are yielding better than expected. Most fields are making 40 to 50 bushels per acre.”
John Barte, Montgomery County

“Corn harvest is about wrapped up. Soybeans and cotton over 50% harvested. The county has had five mornings of frost this fall with a couple of days right at freezing.”
Kevin Rose, Giles County

“Light frost brought concerns of prussic acid poisoning from Johnson grass. Some late hay cut but slow to cure.”
David K. Glover, Smith County

“Another good week ended with rain on Friday. A cold front passing through on Thursday evening dropped temperatures and brought a steady rain producing an inch plus across the area. The week started with warm temperatures with highs in the 70 to 80 range and lows in the 50's. A good general frost last Saturday has helped late planted soybeans advance defoliation. Farmers were busy harvesting soybeans and cotton, preparing ground, and sowing wheat.”
Ed Burns, Franklin County

“Rain and some hail this past week, slowed combines and tractors but only for a few days. Farmers busy with soybean harvest, wheat seeding and digging trees. Several frosts but no freeze yet.”
J. Dale Beaty, Warren County

“Most corn for grain is still in the field waiting for drying conditions. Soybeans are the same.”
Scott Chadwell, Putnam County

“Rain again this week. Soybean harvest is going well. Some light frost.”
John Wilson, Blount County

“Light frosts this week should help us get ready to harvest Soybeans.”
John Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION										
For week ending: October 30, 2011 (with comparisons)										
LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending October 30, 2011				Current Week 10/30/11	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	82	29	55	-3	0.78	3	43.54	1.37	31.02	2.62
Brownsville_TN	81	30	55	-3	0.43	2	47.58	5.54	35.00	6.76
Covington	79	33	54	-4	0.41	1	47.90	6.64	36.21	8.63
Dyersburg	81	34	55	-3	1.44	2	41.77	1.56	28.60	1.21
Huntingdon_Wate	80	31	54	-2	0.56	3	48.45	5.24	34.14	4.69
Jackson_Exp_Stn	82	29	54	-3	0.43	2	47.10	4.97	35.26	6.41
Lexington_TN	82	30	54	-3	0.57	1	40.80	-0.34	29.27	1.32
Martin	82	31	54	-2	1.61	2	54.27	11.46	37.82	8.25
Memphis_AG	81	33	55	-5	0.56	1	47.07	5.93	35.45	7.80
Milan	83	28	54	-1	0.45	3	55.76	11.92	41.81	11.59
Paris	85	29	53	-2	1.15	2	56.48	14.17	40.49	11.69
Savannah_6SW	81	29	55	-3	0.60	2	47.56	2.14	33.02	3.06
Selmer	80	28	55	-2	0.61	1	45.99	1.29	33.66	4.20
Union_City	80	29	53	-3	1.09	2	50.80	8.86	35.63	6.87
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	82	31	53	-2	0.57	2	54.82	14.00	40.41	13.24
Cookeville	76	30	51	-3	0.79	2	57.78	11.48	41.31	10.04
Crossville_AP	74	29	52	0	0.76	2	49.78	4.56	35.13	4.93
Dickson_AG	80	27	52	-4	0.31	1	45.01	1.54	29.84	0.38
Dover_1W	79	31	53	-2	1.04	2	55.82	13.23	39.23	10.54
Fayetteville_TN	78	29	54	-2	0.92	3	53.69	10.03	37.01	8.63
Jamestown	76	27	50	-3	1.02	2	58.24	13.24	40.59	9.43
Kingston_Spring	81	29	53	-1	0.92	3	43.53	1.54	30.44	2.42
Lawrenceburg_FI	78	30	53	-2	0.65	2	46.10	0.90	32.22	2.84
Lewisburg	79	23	51	-3	0.73	2	52.23	7.57	36.97	6.89
Linden	80	30	53	-1	0.74	3	43.47	-1.03	30.63	1.12
Livingston_WLIV	77	29	52	-3	1.03	2	57.67	14.65	38.58	9.08
Murfreesboro_5N	78	30	53	-3	0.68	3	50.53	6.98	36.55	6.78
Nashville_Metro	78	31	55	-2	0.57	3	41.00	2.53	28.55	2.32
Oneida	76	28	51	0	1.01	2	62.71	17.42	43.88	12.46
Portland_TN	77	32	55	2	0.71	2	48.04	6.29	32.00	3.55
Pulaski_Water_P	77	29	52	-6	0.66	2	54.93	10.27	40.14	10.87
Shelbyville	78	31	53	-4	0.71	2	58.08	13.25	41.71	11.76
Sparta_TN	78	28	52	-3	0.69	2	56.01	11.08	40.33	9.97
Springfield	79	30	53	0	0.84	3	47.86	7.74	33.59	6.34
Springhill	81	30	52	-3	0.60	2	39.95	-4.53	27.59	-2.28
Tullahoma	77	30	52	-4	0.80	2	50.51	4.52	36.48	6.46
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	77	33	56	-1	0.42	2	49.30	5.74	30.91	3.08
Cleveland_6NNE	76	30	55	1	0.72	3	37.63	-7.11	23.20	-5.98
Dayton	75	31	53	-3	0.73	2	48.91	3.29	32.21	2.61
Erwin_1W	75	27	50	-1	0.58	2	43.44	2.35	31.93	2.35
Gatlinburg_2SW	77	28	51	-2	1.08	3	53.41	6.19	38.96	5.68
Greeneville	77	26	50	-3	0.83	3	39.71	3.71	29.09	3.78
Kingston_AG	75	32	54	2	0.90	2	51.03	3.48	34.58	3.11
Knoxville_AP	75	33	55	2	1.64	2	44.25	5.50	30.29	4.86
Newcomb	76	29	51	0	0.89	2	52.25	6.96	37.74	6.32
Norris_4NE	75	30	53	0	1.12	3	54.84	11.68	38.29	9.02
Tri-City_RGNL_A	75	27	52	-2	1.04	2	38.91	4.60	26.16	2.22

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
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